

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

The claim has been amended to address the rejections raised by the Examiner and further examination is requested. The method claim calls for apparatus limitations, which are not found as elements of the applied references. An additional claim has been directed to the device itself rather than the method for using the device, which is also free of the applied art.

In general the invention requires a multi-link articulated lead for temporary pacing of the heart and for determining the optimum location for biventricular pacing. The device includes a barbed anchor and separate electrode elements excluding the barb anchor found elsewhere on the body of the lead. The lead may be introduced into the pericardial space and manipulated about the barbed location to measure the heart. In contrast the references applied by the Examiner lack a distal anchor combined with multiple electrode sites on individual articulated links. For this reason, the claims should be found to be non-obvious in view of the applied references.

CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

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